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Summary of Events
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India recently concluded economic agreements with the USSR, Poland, and East Germany which are intended to increase India's trade with these countries.

The Chinese Communist International Trade Promotion Board in Peiping has notified a number of Chinese merchants in Malaya that they will no longer receive supplies of goods from Communist China. The Board stated that the embargo was being instituted because of a number of discriminatory measures taken by the governments of the Federation of Malaya and the Crown Colony of Singapore against Communist China.

On 21 November, Cambodia and North Vietnam signed a trade and payments agreement which authorizes trade between the two countries up to a level of \$4.2 million. South Vietnam has announced that it will prevent the movement through its territory of goods involved in this agreement.

Further information is now available on the delivery of Soviet military equipment to Iraq. The first consignment arrived at Basra on 17 November. [redacted] the equipment consisted of medium tanks, light AA guns, field guns, reconnaissance vehicles, and heavy trucks. [redacted]

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The reported value of the Soviet-Iraqi arms agreement is \$168 million.

Czechoslovakia reportedly has reached an understanding with the government of Guinea on economic, scientific, and cultural relations. Trade ties are to be based on the exchange of Guinean agricultural products for Czechoslovak consumer goods. In addition, Czechoslovakia has offered scholarships to Guinean students.

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The Soviet Bloc petroleum offensive in South America possibly may now have been extended to Bolivia. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the USSR has made a large-scale and economically attractive general offer to the Bolivian state petroleum agency YPFB. It also has been rumored that Czechoslovakia has offered to provide several geological engineers.

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